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**SNOW SURVEY and WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS
for
MONTANA & NORTHERN WYOMING**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE.
and
MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

TO RECIPIENTS OF COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEY AND WATER SUPPLY FORECAST REPORTS:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COOPERATING WITH</u>
RIVER BASINS			
COLORADO AND STATE OF UTAH	MONTHLY (JAN.-MAY)	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	UTAH STATE ENGINEER AND OTHER AGENCIES
COLUMBIA AND STATES OF IDAHO AND ALASKA	MONTHLY (JAN.-MAY)	BOISE, IDAHO	IDAHO STATE RECLAMATION ENGINEER
UPPER MISSOURI AND STATE OF MONTANA	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	BOZEMAN, MONTANA	MONT. AGR. EXP. STATION
WEST-WIDE	OCT. 1, APR. 1, MAY 1	PORTLAND, OREGON	ALL COOPERATORS
STATES			
ARIZONA	SEMI-MONTHLY (JAN. 15 - APR. 1)	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	SALT R. VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION ARIZ. AGR. EXP. STATION
COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	FORT COLLINS, COLORADO	COLO. AGR. EXP. STATION COLO. STATE ENGINEER N. MEX. STATE ENGINEER
NEVADA	MONTHLY (FEB.-APR.)	RENO, NEVADA	NEVADA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
OREGON	MONTHLY (JAN.-MAY)	PORTLAND, OREGON	ORE. AGR. EXP. STATION OREGON STATE ENGINEER
WASHINGTON	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	WASH. STATE DEPT. OF CONSERVATION
WYOMING	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE)	CASPER, WYOMING	WYOMING STATE ENGINEER

*Copies of these various reports may be secured from: Head, Water Supply Forecasting Section
Soil Conservation Service
209 S. W. Fifth Ave., Portland 4, Oregon*

PUBLISHED BY OTHER AGENCIES

<u>REPORT</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
BRITISH COLUMBIA	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE)	COMPTROLLER, WATER RIGHTS BR., DEPT. OF LANDS AND FORESTS, PARLIAMENT BLDG., VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA
CALIFORNIA	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL-STATE-PRIVATE COOPERATIVE
SNOW SURVEYS and WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS
for
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(Upper Missouri and Upper Columbia River Basins)

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MONTANA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
as of
March 1, 1960

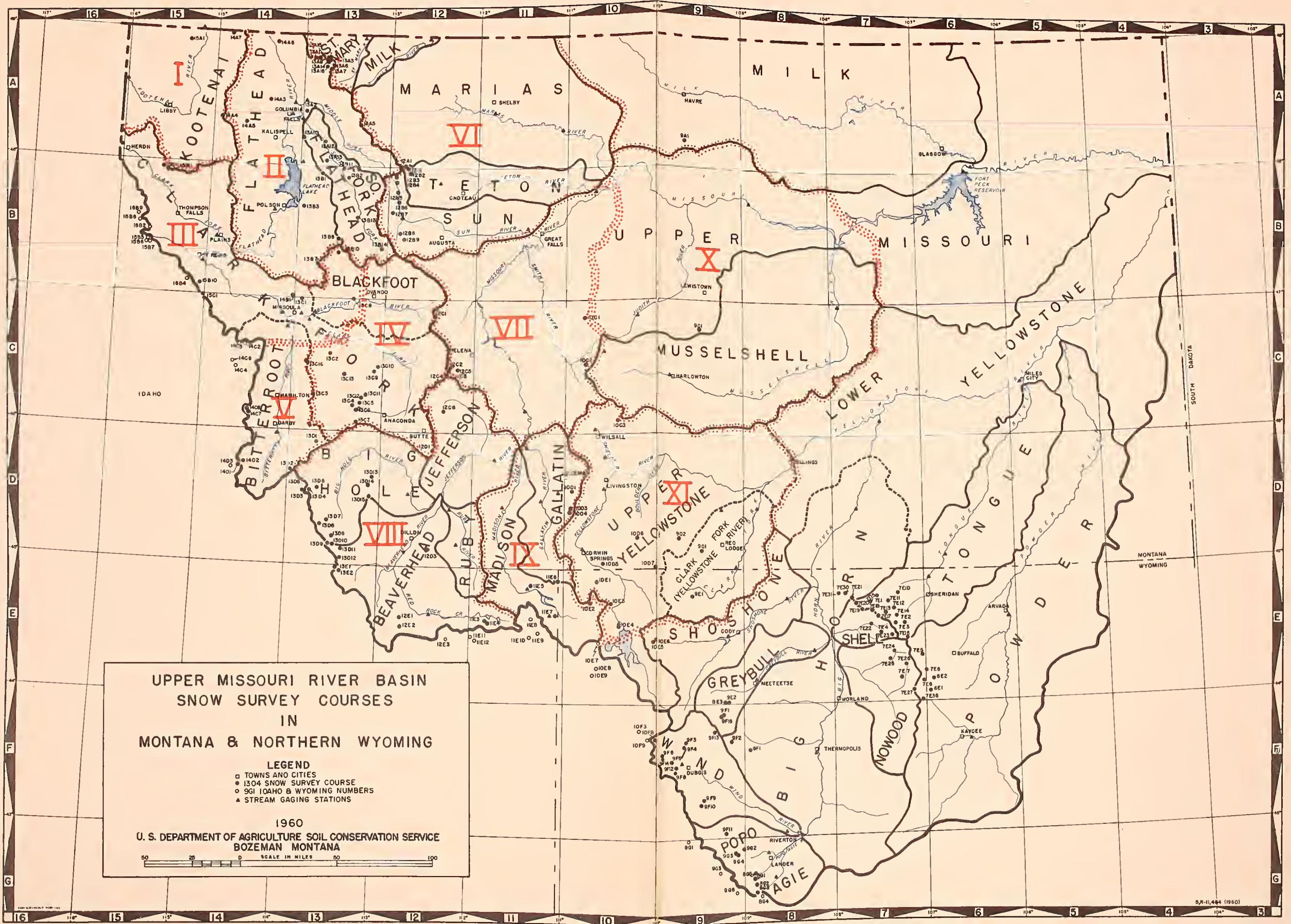
The 1960 Water Supply Outlook for Montana is FAIR. Current snow surveys indicate that Statewide the snow-pack is 70 percent of last year's and 80 percent of the 15-year average.

In the Missouri River Basin the Beaverhead-Jefferson watershed has a snow-pack equal to 84 percent of last year's and 77 percent average. On the Madison-Gallatin watersheds the present snow-pack is 70 percent of last season and 66 percent average. In Yellowstone Park and other tributary basins to the Yellowstone River, the March first snow-pack is 66 percent of March first 1959 and 65 percent average.

The average snow cover over the Columbia River Basin in Montana is 76 percent of March first 1959 and 80 percent average. Over the Northern portion of this basin the Flathead River watershed is covered with a snow-pack that is 76 percent of last year's and 93 percent of the 15-year average. The Clark Fork watershed is covered with a snow-pack that is 73 percent of last year's and 84 percent average.

Reservoir storage throughout the State is very close to average with no acute shortages. Streamflow conditions have been considerably above average during the fall and winter months. This factor, together with above-average fall precipitation, will result in larger volumes of streamflow than would normally be expected from the size of the snow-pack.





INDEX TO MONTANA & NORTHERN WYOMING SNOW COURSES

Drainage Basin and Course Name	Nontane Number	Location						Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured By	Drainage Basin and Course Name	Nontane Number	Location						Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured By	Drainage Basin and Gourse Name	Montana Number	Location						Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured By										
		Sec.	Lat.	Twp.	Range	Long.	Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured By			Elev.	Sec.	Lat.	Twp.	Range	Long.	Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured By			Elev.	Sec.	Lat.	Twp.	Range	Long.	Record Began	Measuring Dates	Measured By											
MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGE																																										
MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGE (cont.)																																										
(ROCK-BEAVERHEAD)																																										
Lakeview Ridge	11E3	7400	27	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10	Camp Senie	9D1	7890	2	8S	18°	1937	4	1	Horse Trail Div.	7E19	9200	29	55N	90W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																
Lakeview Canyon	11E4	6930	26	11S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10	Canyon	10E3	7750	44°-44'	110°-30'	1938	1,2,3,4,5	6	Lake Geneva	7E16	9000	7	52N	86W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																	
Limekiln	12E2	6950	5	15S	9W	1948	3,4	1	Cooke City	10D7	7400	25	9S	18°	1937	1,2,3,4,5	6	North Tongue	7E15	8800	17	55N	88W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																
White Pine Ridge	12E1	8850	18	14S	9W	1948	3,4	1	Crevice Nt.	10D5	8400	22	9S	9E	1935	3,4	2	Sibley Lake	7E11	8000	10	55N	88W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																
(HORSE PRAIRIE)																																										
Bloody Dick	13D10	7600	12	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1	Independence	10D6	8000	22	7S	12E	1940	3,4	1	Sucker Creek	7E12	9000	19	55N	87W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																
Gold Stone	13D9	8100	11	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1	Lake Camp	10E1	7850	44°-34'	110°-24'	1936	1,2,3,4,5	6	Steamboat Point	7E10	7500	32	55N	87W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																	
Lemhi Pass	13E1	7480	9	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1	Lupine Creek	10E1	7300	44°-54'	110°-37'	1938	1,2,3,4,5	4	Wood Rock G.S.	7E13	8500	3	51N	88W	1956	2,3,4,5	1																	
Terrell Creek	13D12	6650	14	9S	15W	1948	3,4	1	Lodgepole	9E1	8200	32	56N	106W	1940	2,3,4,5	1	(POWDER RIVER) Wyoming																								
Trail Creek	13E2	7090	15	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1	West Rosebud	9D2	7500	10	7S	16E	1960	1,2,3,4,5	4	Crazy Woman	6E2	8200	6	47N	84N	1956	2,3,4,5	1																
Selway Junction	13D11	6800	27	8S	15W	1948	3,4	1	(SNIELDS RIVER) Wyoming																																	
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Big Hole Pass	13D3	7240	28	3S	18W	1948	3,4	1	Dinwoodie	9F10	10000	21	39N	105W	1948	2,3,4,5	1	Kootenai River	15BL1	5500	6	25N	30W	1956	4,5,52	2																
Big Nole Pass-Be.	13D4	6900	24	3S	18W	1948	3,4	1	Dry Creek	9F9	9500	34	44N	109W	1955	2,3,4,5	1	Baree Creek	15BL1	5500	11	19N	12W	1951	2,3,4,5	2																
East Boundary	13D5	6700	22	3S	17W	1948	3,4	1	DuNoir	9F6	8750	27	42N	108W	1940	2,3,4,5	1	Baree Mountain	15BL1	6000	1	25N	31W	1937	4,5,52	2																
Gibbons Pass	13D2	7100	4	2S	19W	1934	1,2,3,4,5	1,3	East Fork	9F13	9200	23	44N	104W	1948	2,3,4,5	1	Brush Creek	14A6	5000	13	30N	26W	1937	3,4,5	1,2																
Jahnke Creek	13D8	7340	25	7S	16W	1948	3,4	1	Geiser Creek	9F7	8500	12	41N	108W	1948	2,3,4,5	1	Cattle Queen	13A1	6000	4	36N	29W	1937	3,4,5	1,2																
Miner Forks	13D6	7300	24	6S	17W	1948	3,4	1	Little Warm	9F8	9500	24	41N	108W	1948	2,3,4,5	1	Desert Mountain	13A2	5600	24	31N	19W	1937	1,2,3,4,5	1,2																
Miner Lake	13D7	6720	10	6S	16W	1945	3,4,5	1	Sheridan R.S. #1	9F5	7500	3	42N	109W	1939	2,3,4,5	1	Flathead River	15BL3A	5770	35	32N	22W	1942	3,4,5	1,2																
Anderson Mdw.	13D14	7000	18	3S	12W	1948	3,4	1	Sheridan R.S. #2	9F11	7500	3	42N	109W	1955	2,3,4,5	1	Basin Creek	13BL1A	5000	11	19N	12W	1951	2,3,4,5	2																
Elk Norn	13D15	8150	15	4S	12W	1935	3,4,5	3	Togwotee Pass	10F9	9600	29	44N	110W	1936	2,3,4,5	11	Big Creek	13B3	6750	6&7	22N	18W	1941	3,4,5	5																
Wise River	13D13	6300	15	2S	12W	1948	3,4	1	(WISE RIVER) Wyoming																																	
(RUBY RIVER)																																										
Fleshlight	12D3	6950	22	8S	7W	1945	3,4,5	1	Blue Ridge	802	9500	23	31N	101W	1939	2,3,4,5	1	Flathead River	15BL1	5000	11	19N	12W	1951	2,3,4,5	2																
MADISON RIVER																																										
Nebgen	11E5	6550	22	11S	3E	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Bruce's Camp	805	6500	24	32N	101W	1955	2,3,4	1	Barree Creek	15BL1	5500	6	25N	30W	1956	4,5,52	2																
West Yellowstone	11E7	6700	34	13S	5E	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Bobb's Park	9G3	10000	22	35	3W</td																												

¹ See also the discussion of the relationship between the two concepts in the section on "The Concept of Social Capital".

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| 1 | 1. Soil Conservation Service | 7. Montana Experiment Station |
| 1 | 2. U. S. Forest Service | 8. City of Bozeman |
| | 3. U. S. Geological Survey | 9. Dominion Water & Power Bureau |
| | 4. Montana Power Company | 10. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| | 5. U. S. Indian Service | 11. U. S. Bureau of Reclamation |
| | 6. National Park Service | 12. Montana State Forestry School |
| | M - Soil Moisture | |
| | A - Aerial Marker | |

COMPARISON OF SNOW COVER WITH THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS

Summary of Snow-Survey Data by Tributary Watersheds March 1, 1960

TRIBUTARY WATERSHED	No of Courses Averaged	No. Years Used	1960 Snow Water Equivalent Expressed as Percent of	
			1959	Average
<u>COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN IN MONTANA</u>				
Kootenai above Libby	12	7-15	83	80
Flathead	20	7-15	76	93
Lower Clark Fork	6	5-15	71	77
Upper Clark Fork	12	5-15	74	89
Bitterroot	6	5-15	75	67
<u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN IN MONTANA</u>				
Marias, Teton & Sun	11	9-15	54	65
Missouri Main Stem	7	15	74	91
Beaverhead-Jefferson	29	5-15	84	77
Madison-Gallatin	10	10-15	70	66
Judith-Musselshell	5	15	78	96
Upper Yellowstone	15	7-15	66	65



AVAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE
as of
March 1, 1960

Drainage Basin and Station	Station No.	Elev.	Soil Profile in Inches		Date	Soil Moisture Content in Inches About 3/1/60				Y r s
			Depth	Cap.		1960	1959	1958	Avg.	
<u>GALLATIN</u>										
College Site	11D2M	4856	54	14.5	2/26	10.7	8.8	5.6	7.2	3
<u>FLATHEAD</u>										
Marias Pass	13A5M	5250	54	8.4	2/29	6.4	6.8	5.5	6.1	6
Spotted Bear R.S.	13B15M	3700	28	5.9	3/1	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.9	3
Trout Lake	13A12M	3600	54	11.8	2/29	11.7	12.6	12.4	12.5	3

AVAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE
as of
October 1, 1959

						1959	1958	1957	Avg.	
<u>GALLATIN</u>										
College Site	11D2M	4856	54	14.5	10/2	8.6	6.8	4.4	5.8	4
<u>FLATHEAD</u>										
Marias Pass	13A5M	5250	54	8.4	10/1	5.6	4.5	3.4	4.5	5
Spotted Bear R.S.	13B15M	3700	28	5.9	9/29	4.3	3.7	1.2	2.7	3
Trout Lake	13A12M	3600	54	11.8	9/29	9.8	10.5	2.1	7.2	3



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Snow Survey measurements made in the Kootenai River Basin about the first of March indicate that water stored in the snow-pack above Libby is 17 percent less than on March first last year and 80 percent of the 1943-57 average. Water supplies should be adequate during the coming season, with near average to slightly below average streamflow forecast.

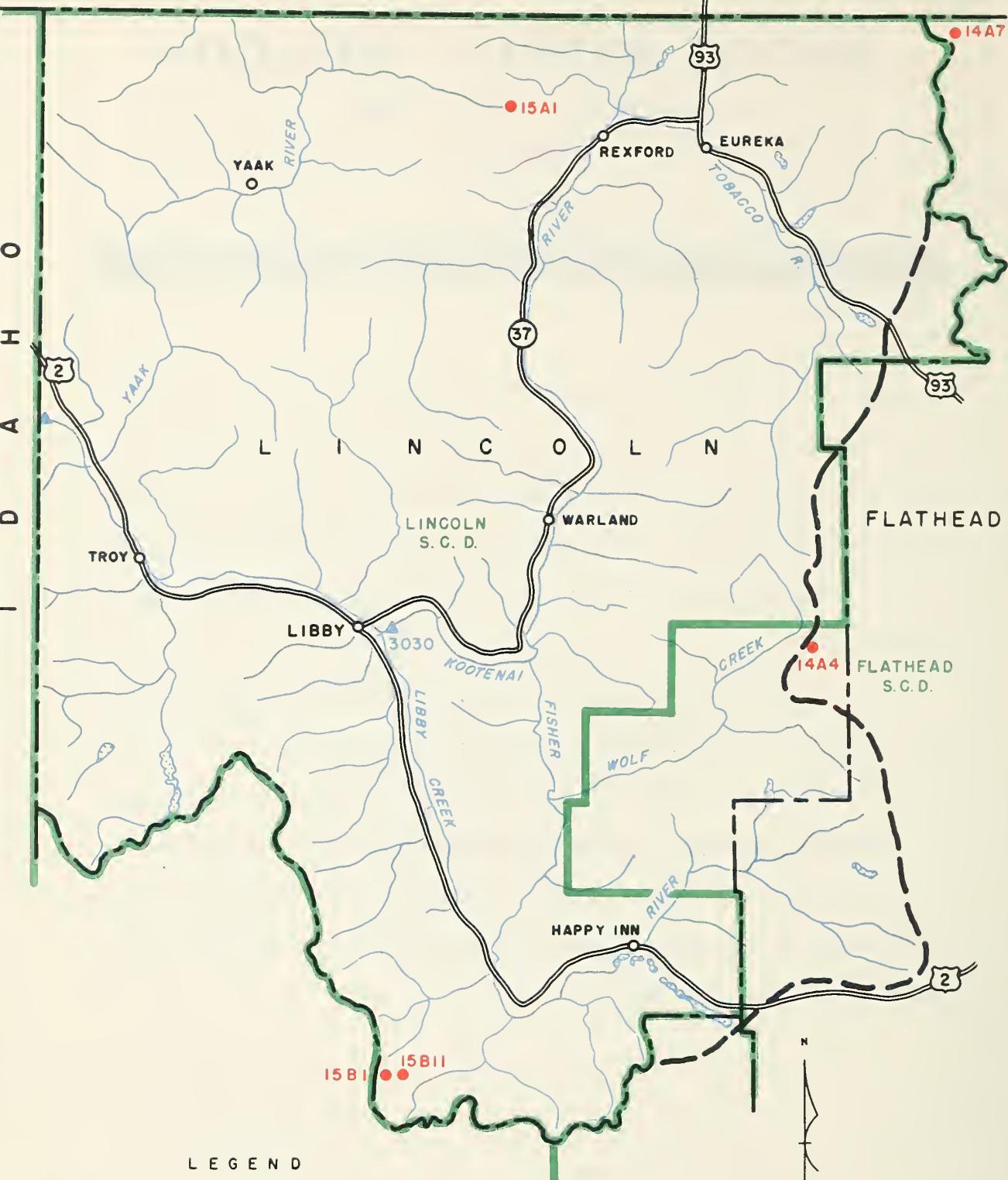
The Kootenai River at Libby is forecast to flow 7,532,000 acre feet during the April-September period or 98 percent average. Tributary streams to the Kootenai in Montana will flow about 5 to 10 percent less than last year in the Northern portion of the Kootenai drainage. March first snow survey measurements in the Southern portion of the drainage indicate tributary streamflow will be about 20 to 25 percent less than last year.

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THE CONSERVATION OF WATER BEGINS WITH THE SNOW SURVEY

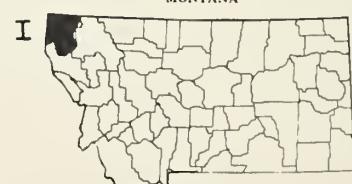
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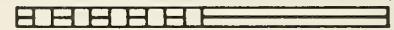
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- 13E 2 SNOW SURVEY COURSE
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MONTANA



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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED I

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	% NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	+ NORMAL
3030	KOOTENAI RIVER Libby (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	7532 6929	98 104	9820 8088	7722 6694
3050	Leonia (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	8700 8075	98 103	10969 9162	8907 7818

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED I

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
14A4	Brush Creek	5000	2/26	43	10.1	14.0	13.2	9
Can 10	Fernie	3500	2/26	30	6.7	7.9	8.6	15
Can 12A	Field	4200	2/29	27	5.2	7.7	5.5	15
Can 43	Gray Creek	5100	2/28	56	15.6	15.5	17.2	9
Can 33	Kicking Horse	5400	2/29	45	11.9	15.0	13.2	11
Can 20B	Kimberley	3800	2/28	30	7.3	8.0	7.6	15
Can 32	Marble Canyon	5000	2/29	44	9.6	12.6	14.2	11
Can 10A	New Fernie	4100	2/26	45	8.8	13.5	13.4	7
15A1	Red Mountain	6000	2/24	56	15.1	16.8	18.0	15
Can 8A	Sinclair Pass	4500	2/29	30	6.4	4.7	6.1	10
Can 20A	Sullivan Mine	5100	2/26	46	10.2	13.4	13.4	12
Can 41	Upper Elk River	4400	2/28	19	4.5	7.2	8.8	10
14A7	Weasel Divide	5450	2/26	87	27.6	30.8	-	-

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Snow Surveys made near the first of March, 1960 on the Flathead River indicate the 1960 snow-pack is near average for this time of year. The water content of the snow is 93 percent of the 1943-57 average and about 24 percent less than last year. The North Fork of the Flathead River is forecast to flow about 20 percent less than last year; the Middle Fork of the Flathead River, 30 percent less than last year, and the South Fork of the Flathead River to flow 1,827,000 acre feet during April through September, or 57 percent of last year. The Flathead River at Columbia Falls and Polson is expected to flow 87 percent of the 1943-57 average, or 66 percent of last year.

Storage in irrigation and power reservoirs is above average in the Flathead River drainage.

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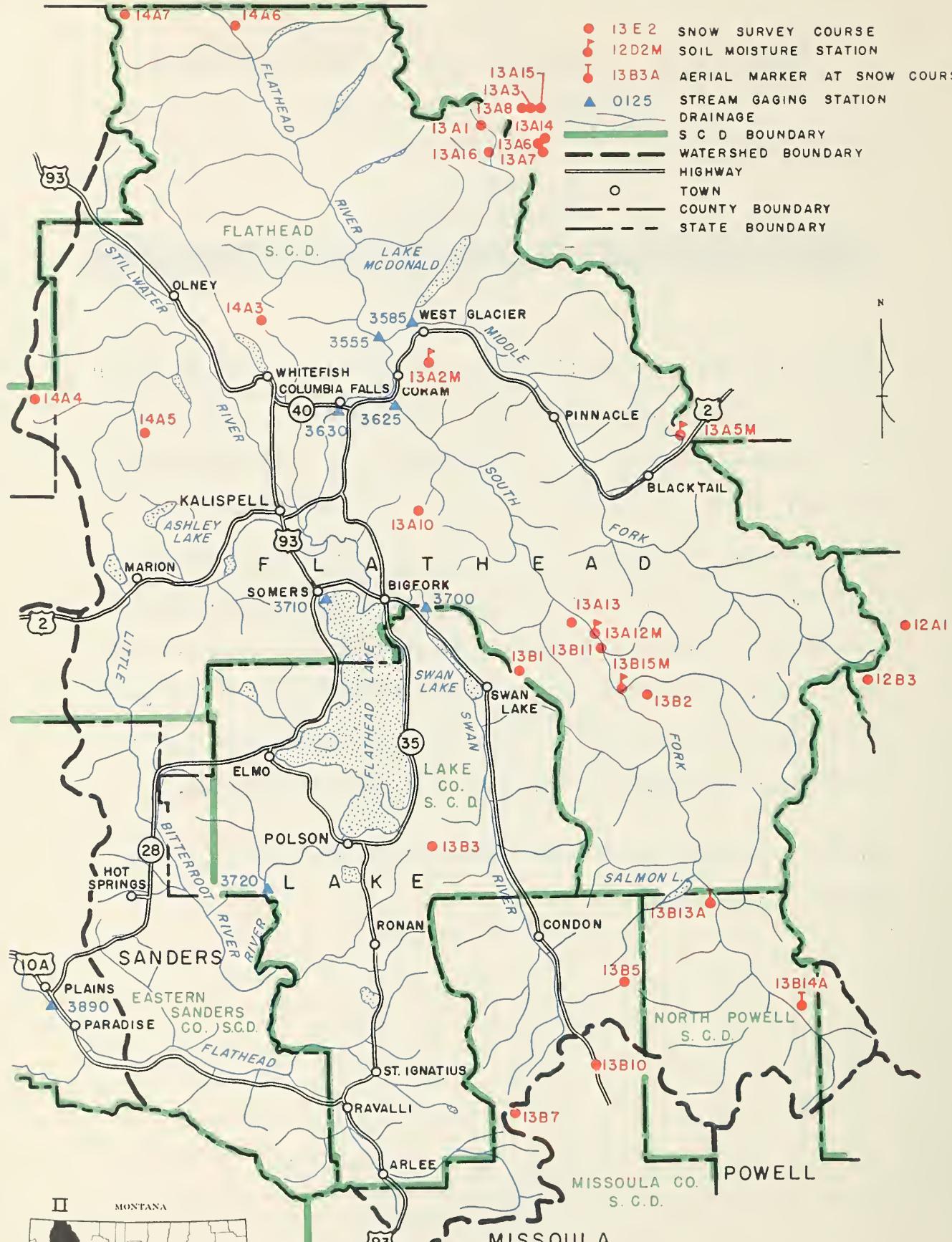
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SCALE 10 0 10 20 30 40 MILES

WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF

MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED II

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	% NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	+ NORMAL
3555	NORTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER Columbia Falls (near)	Apr-Sept	1872	96	2378	1942
		Apr-July	1710	97	2103	1769
		Apr-June	1462	98	1766	1491
3585	MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD RIVER West Glacier (near)	Apr-Sept	1671	89	2361	1881
		Apr-July	1552	89	2156	1747
		Apr-June	1371	92	1796	1480
3625	SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER Columbia Falls (nr)(17)	Apr-Sept	1827	80	3166	2297
		Apr-July	1761	81	2955	2180
		Apr-June	1731	91	2515	1900
3630	FLATHEAD RIVER Columbia Falls (at)(17)	Apr-Sept	5509	87	7921	6299
		Apr-July	5101	87	7249	5845
		Apr-June	4659	93	6071	4993
3720	Polson (near) (18)	Apr-Sept	6464	87	9801	7462
		Apr-July	6042	87	8906	6939
		Apr-June	5565	94	7464	5897
3700	SWAN RIVER Big Fork (near)	Apr-Sept	557	87	997	641
		Apr-July	509	90	864	568
		Apr-June	470	95	672	460
(17) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir.						
(18) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hungry Horse Res. & Flathead Lake.						
(+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey.						

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF

February 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
3620	Hungry Horse	3428.0	2962.0	2623.0	2199.3
3710	Flathead	1791.0	1209.0	920.7	768.2
3757	Camas	42.8	35.0	25.9	25.1
3800	Mission Valley	98.6	49.6	28.4	35.5

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED II

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
13B14A	Basin Creek	5000	2/28	24	5.8	9.7	8.8	7
13B3	Big Creek	6750	3/1	110	40.2	52.5	36.6	15
14A4	Brush Creek	5000	2/26	43	10.1	14.0	13.2	9
13A1	Cattle Queen	4700	2/28	80	21.8	32.7	29.9	13
13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	2/25	54	13.9	16.5	14.2	9
Can 10	Fernie	3500	2/26	30	6.7	7.9	8.6	15
14A3	Hell Roaring Divide	5770	2/23	88	29.3	31.7	27.7	8
13B13A	Holbrook	4530	2/28	29	8.6	12.1	9.5	7
14A6	Kishenehn	3886	3/4	40	10.1	9.6	10.4	13
14A5	Logan Creek	4300	2/26	32	7.2	11.3	8.9	9
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	2/29	43	12.3	19.2	17.4	15
13A16	Mineral Creek	4500	2/27	57	15.4	23.5	-	-
Can 10A	New Fernie	4100	2/26	45	8.8	13.5	13.4	7
13B7	North Fork Jocko	6330	3/2	94	33.3	48.4	38.3	15
13A13	Quintonkon	3800	3/3	46	13.4	-	14.4	6
13B2	Spotted Bear Mt.	7000	3/1	44	12.5	18.4	15.2	10
13A10	Strawberry Lake	6500	2/29	130	43.1	46.7	35.7	7
13B1	Trinkus Lake	6500	3/1	107	35.1	48.9	35.4	8
13A12M	Trout Lake	3600	2/29	45	13.5	17.6	16.4	10
14B1	TV Mountain	6800	3/3	41	11.4	18.6	-	-
13B11	Twin Creeks	3580	2/29	36	11.1	14.8	11.0	7
13B5	Upper Holland Lake	7000	2/26	84	25.9	41.1	31.0	8
14A7	Weasel Divide	5450	2/26	87	27.6	30.8	-	-

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Below average snow-pack covers the Lower Clark Fork drainage.

Snow surveys made near the first of March indicate the water content of the 1960 snow-pack is 77 percent of the 1943-57 average and 71 percent of last year. Streamflow is forecast to be 5 to 20 percent less than average in the Lower Clark Fork drainage. The April through September flow of the Blackfoot River is expected to be 64 percent of last year. The April-September runoff on the Clark Fork is forecast to flow 80 percent of last year above Missoula and 68 percent of last year at Thompson Falls.

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED III

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST	%	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME		THIS YEAR	NORMAL	LAST YEAR	+
3400	BLACKFOOT RIVER Bonner (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	856 771 670	86 85 86	1338 1214 1050	999 903 775
3404	CLARK FORK RIVER Milltown (above) (14)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	767 674 572	94 94 94	696 610 516	815 716 609
3405	Missoula (above)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	1623 1445 1242	89 89 90	2034 1824 1566	1814 1620 1384
3530	Missoula (below)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	2723 2457 2122	81 80 81	3709 3331 2885	3361 3059 2608
35	St. Regis (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	3633 3294 2838	80 80 80	5135 4634 4023	4549 4140 3551
3890	Plains (near) (18)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	10514 9693 8587	85 86 89	15427 13965 11859	12330 11308 9617
3910	Thompson Falls (at)(18)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	11219 10342 9159	86 86 90	16323 14806 12472	13017 11944 10156
3920	Whitehorse Rapids (at)(19)	Apr-Sept Apr-July Apr-June	11790 10839 9606	85 85 89	11454# 10579# 9712#	13932 12763 10816
		(14) Difference in observed flow, Clark Fork above Missoula & Blackfoot at Bonner. (18) Observed flow plus change in storage in Flathead Lake & Hungry Horse Res. (19) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hungry Horse Reservoir, Flathead Lake and Noxon Reservoir. (+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey. (#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.				

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF

FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
3913	Noxon	200.1	198.0E	-	-

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF

MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED III

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
13B10	Coyote Hill	4200	2/29	32	9.0	12.4	10.1	11
15C2	Fish Lake Airstrip	5000	2/26	90	28.7	36.2	36.4	5
14C5	Lolo Pass	5230	2/25	71	18.9	28.0	30.5	8
15B2	Lookout	5250	2/29	80	24.3	33.9	33.7	15
13C8	Lubrecht Forest #6	4040	3/1	15	1.7	4.7	4.3	7
13B7	North Fork Jocko	6330	3/2	94	33.3	48.4	38.3	15
14C6	Powell R. S.	4230	2/25	41	9.6	-	-	-
14C4	Savage Pass	6600	2/26	60	18.0	-	-	-
14B1	TV Mountain	6800	3/3	41	11.4	18.6	-	-

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

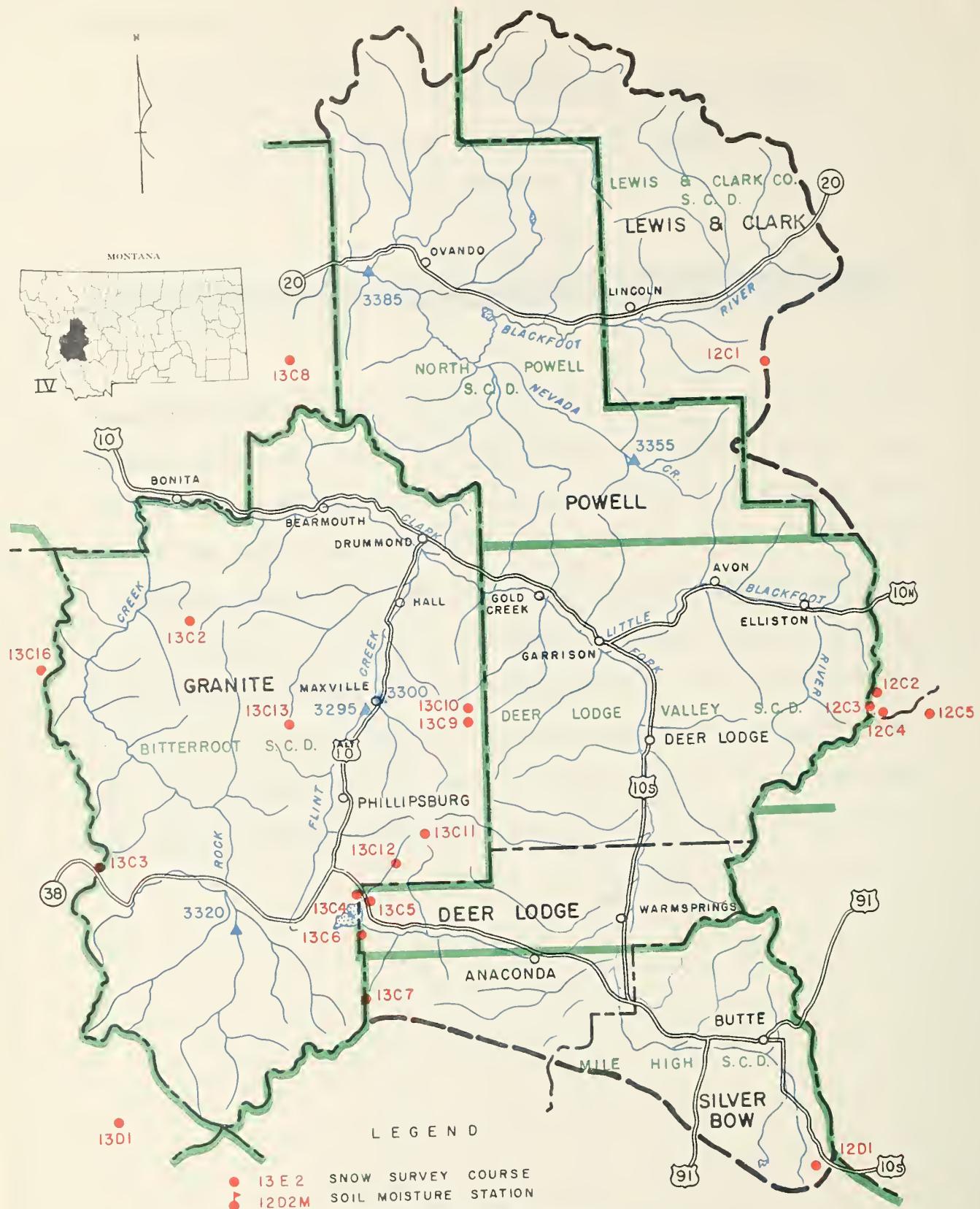
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Snow Surveys made near the first of March indicate that the 1960 snowpack is below average. Water content of the snow over the Upper Clark Fork drainage is 25 percent less than last year and 89 percent of the 1943-57 March first average. Streamflow is forecast to be near average for Flint Creek and Boulder Creek during the April through September period. The Middle Fork of Rock Creek is forecast to flow about 10 percent below average. The Blackfoot River is forecast to flow 86 percent average and 64 percent of last year during the April through September period. The Upper Clark Fork River above the Blackfoot River is estimated to flow 767,000 acre feet during April through September, or 110 percent of last year.

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED IV

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	% NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
3295	FLINT CREEK Maxville (at)	Apr-Sept	44.5	96	51.5#	46.4
		Apr-July	34.0	96	37.8#	35.4
		Apr-June	26.7	95	27.3#	28.0
3300	BOULDER CREEK Maxville (at)	Apr-Sept	27.2	97	26.8#	28.2
		Apr-July	24.9	97	24.6#	25.8
		Apr-June	21.6	101	20.9#	21.4
3320	MIDDLE FORK ROCK CREEK Philipsburg (near)	Apr-Sept	71.1	87	72.1#	82.2
		Apr-July	66.6	92	65.0#	72.1
		Apr-June	55.5	93	55.5#	59.4
3404	CLARK FORK RIVER Milltown (above) (14)	Apr-Sept	767	94	696	815
		Apr-July	674	94	610	716
		Apr-June	572	94	516	609
(14) Difference in observed flow, Clark Fork above Missoula & Blackfoot at Bonner. (+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey. (#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.						

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
3250	Georgetown Lake	31.0	28.2	26.1	23.0
3365	Nevada Creek	12.6	7.3	-	7.0

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED IV

NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD	
			DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)			
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE		
13C16	Ambrose	6475	2/23	36	8.6	-	-	-	
13C13	Black Pine	7100	2/24	35	8.2	-	-	-	
12C5	Chessman Reservoir	6200	2/29	18	4.1	5.6	4.3	15	
13C9	El Dorado Mine	7800	2/26	58	16.1	20.5	16.3	5	
13C11	Fred Burr Pass	8000	2/23	60	17.4	25.3	-	-	
13C10	Gold Creek Lake	7200	2/26	40	9.6	15.3	13.3	5	
13C4	Intergaard	6450	3/1	20	5.0	7.6	6.6	15	
13C8	Lubrecht Forest #6	4040	3/1	15	1.7	4.7	4.3	7	
12D1	Pipestone Pass	7200	3/4	24	5.5	5.0	4.4	15	
13C12	Red Lion	7000	2/23	42	9.6	15.2	-	-	
13C3	Skalkaho Summit	7259	2/24	53	14.7	-	-	-	
13C2	Slide Rock Mountain	7100	2/25	41	9.8	12.4	-	-	
13C5	Southern Cross	6500	3/1	19	4.5	6.1	5.0	15	
12C1	Stemple Pass	6900	2/26	33	7.2	13.6	9.2	15	
13C7	Storm Lake	7780	2/23	37	9.2	12.4	11.2	5	
13C6	Stuart Mill	6500	3/1	22	4.6	6.2	5.6	15	
12C2	Ten Mile, Lower	6250	2/28	28	6.0	7.6	6.3	15	
13C3	Ten Mile, Middle	6800	2/27	37	8.5	9.6	9.2	15	
12C4	Ten Mile, Upper	8000	2/27	43	11.0	13.7	11.9	15	

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

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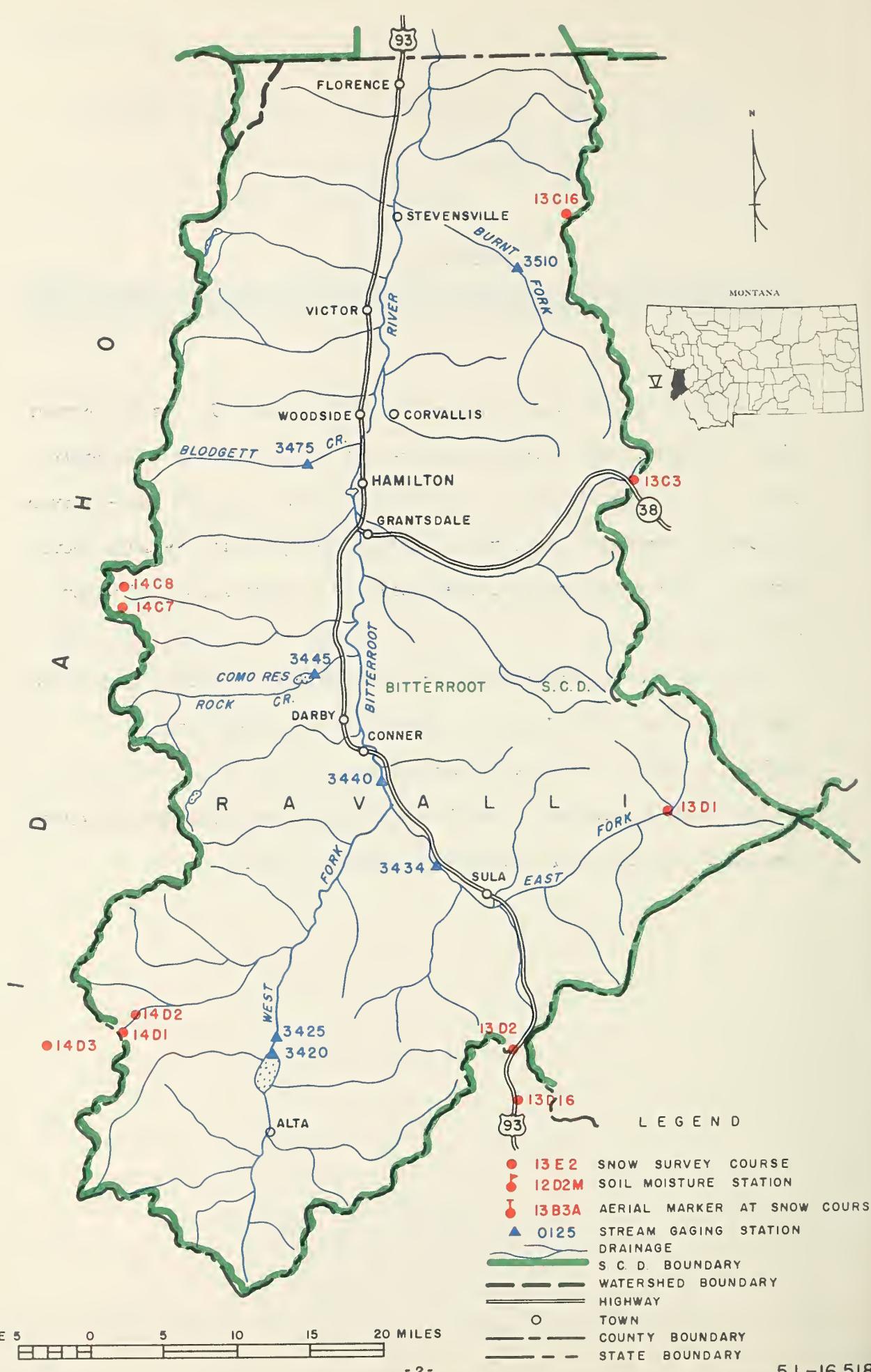
Water stored in the snow-pack is below average in the Bitterroot River drainage. Snow Surveys made near the first of March indicate that water content in the snow is only 67 percent of the 1943-57 average and 75 percent of last year. Unless precipitation is much above normal in the coming months, there will be a short supply of water for irrigation.

The Bitterroot River near Darby is forecast to flow 446,000 acre feet during the April-September period, or 76 percent average. Smaller tributaries to the Bitterroot are forecast to flow 70 to 80 percent average with the exception of Blodgett Creek, where 94 percent average is forecast for the April-September period.

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED V

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	\$ NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
3425	WEST FORK BITTERROOT RIVER Conner (near) (15)	Apr-Sept	128	72	193	176
		Apr-July	116	71	181	164
		Apr-June	102	69	166	147
3440	BITTERROOT RIVER Darby (near)	Apr-Sept	446	76	593	587
		Apr-July	408	75	545	547
		Apr-June	353	74	480	477
3475	BLODGETT CREEK Corvallis (near)	Apr-Sept	44.0	94	46.5	46.7
		Apr-July	40.3	92	43.6	44.4
		Apr-June	34.6	91	37.1	37.9
3510	BURNT FORK CREEK Stevensville (near)	Apr-Sept	24.9	80	25.5	31.2
		Apr-July	21.7	78	22.2	28.0
		Apr-June	18.0	78	18.8	23.1

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED V

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
13016	Ambrose	6475	2/23	36	8.6	-	-	-
13D1	East Fork R. S.	5400	2/26	26	5.3	7.1	5.6	5
13D2	Gibbons Pass	7100	2/29	50	14.9	19.7	22.2	15
14C5	Lolo Pass	5230	2/25	71	18.9	28.0	30.5	8
14C7	Lost Horse	5940	2/24	73	19.3	-	-	-
13D16	Moose Creek	6200	2/26	44	10.8	14.4	16.1	15
14D2	Nez Perce Camp	5580	2/25	42	9.1	8.7	12.6	12
14D1	Nez Perce Pass	6575	2/25	46	10.2	13.7	16.7	13
14C6	Powell R. S.	4230	2/25	41	9.6	-	-	-
14C4	Savage Pass	6600	2/26	60	18.0	-	-	-
13C3	Skalkaho Summit	7259	2/24	53	14.7	-	-	-
14C8	Twin Lakes	6510	2/24	93	24.7	-	-	-

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

MARIAS, TETON, & SUN RIVER BASINS

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

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Below average snow-pack exists in the Marias, Teton and Sun River drainage. Snow Surveys made near the first of March indicate the water content of the 1960 snow-pack is 65 percent of the 1943-57 average and 54 percent of last year.

Above normal precipitation last October and November, and high streamflow during the fall and winter months indicate the runoff in the spring and summer months of 1960 will be larger than normally expected from this below average snow-pack. The April through September inflow to Gibson Reservoir is forecast to be 28 percent less than last year and 94 percent of the 1943-57 average. The Marias River is forecast to flow slightly above the 1943-57 average.

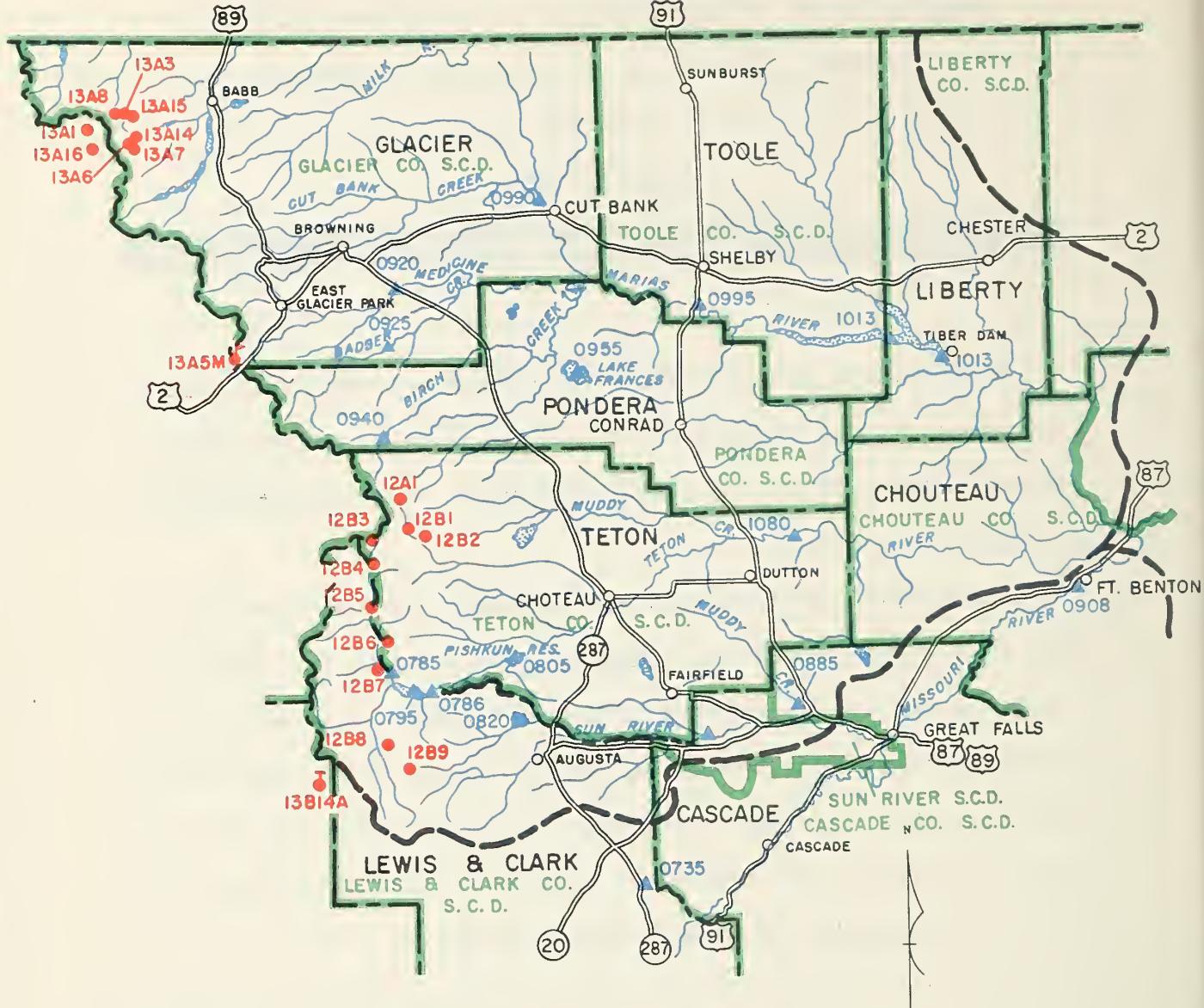
Reservoir storage is above average and about the same as last year, with the exception of Willow Creek Reservoir, which is below the average stage.

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- 13 E 2 SNOW SURVEY COURSE
 ● 12D2M SOIL MOISTURE STATION
 ● 13 B3A AERIAL MARKER AT SNOW COURSE
 ▲ 0125 STREAM GAGING STATION

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 COUNTY BOUNDARY

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED VI

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	%	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
0785	N. FORK OF N. FORK SUN Augusta (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	214 199	88 88	193# 176#	239 222
0786	SUN RIVER Gibson Dam (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	541 497	94 94	749 689	574 526
0995	MARIAS RIVER Shelby (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	696 648	106 107	464# 424#	659 605

(#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.
 (+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey.

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
1013	Tiber	1316.0	636.1	637.2	-
0955	Lake Francis	112.0	96.3	96.8	94.6
0805	Pishkun	32.0	21.6	19.7	18.8
0795	Gibson	105.0	70.8	76.1	63.3
0820	Willow Creek	32.3	14.4	29.3	19.2
0940	Swift	30.0	27.0	28.5	23.1

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED VI

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH Inches	WATER CONTENT Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
12B8	Benchmark	5500	3/2	19	5.2	10.1	9.0	9
12B6	Cabin Creek	5400	2/28	23	5.6	11.8	6.8	9
12B9	Five-Bull	5600	3/2	17	4.2	8.6	7.0	9
12A1	Freight Creek	6000	2/29	39	10.0	18.8	15.6	10
12B5	Gates Park	5300	2/28	25	6.2	14.9	10.1	9
12B7	Goat Mountain	7000	2/28	28	8.0	12.4	10.7	15
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	2/29	43	12.3	19.2	17.4	15
12B2	Waldron Creek	5600	2/29	14	3.7	8.0	6.9	10
12B1	West Fork	6000	2/29	32	9.0	15.5	14.9	10
12B4	Wrong Creek	5700	2/28	37	9.5	19.0	15.1	9
12B3	Wrong Ridge	6800	2/28	49	14.0	24.6	21.2	9

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATES NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

MISSOURI RIVER (MAIN STEM) BASIN

MONTANA

MARCH ^{AS OF} 1, 1960

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Near average snow-pack was measured near the first of March on the smaller tributaries of the Missouri River between Toston and Fort Benton. Water content of the snow at seven (7) snow courses along the Missouri Main Stem is 91 percent of the 1943-57 average and 74 percent of last year.

Streamflow in the Smith River drainage should be near average during the spring and summer months. The Missouri River is forecast to flow about 90 percent of the 1943-57 average.

Reservoir storage is near average, with the exception of Canyon Ferry which is above average.

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- WATERSHED BOUNDARY
- HIGHWAY
- TOWN
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- STATE BOUNDARY



WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED VII

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
0545	MISSOURI RIVER Toston (at) (3)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	2137 1869	91 92	1971# 1725#	2342 2030
0908	Fort Benton (at) (5)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	3295 2836	92 92	2920# 2512#	3599 3076
1095	Virgelle (at) (6)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	4002 3492	91 92	3599# 3120#	4393 3803
1150	Zortman (near) (6)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	4384 3809	91 92	3896# 3349#	4806 4143
1320	Ft. Peck Dam (below)(7)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	4304 3813	90 91	3531# 3150#	4761 4181
1770	Wolf Point (near) (7)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	4736 4218	90 91	3707# 3299#	5261 4652
3300	Williston, N. D. (8)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	10178 9001	81 81	10729 10136	12562 11101
0615	PRICKLY PEAR CREEK Clancy (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	28.5 24.8	119 118	24.3# 22.0#	23.9 20.8

(3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hebgen and Ennis Lakes.
 (5) Observed flow plus change in storage in Canyon Ferry
 (6) Observed flow plus change in storage in Canyon Ferry and Tiber Reservoirs.
 (7) Observed flow plus change in storage in Canyon Ferry, Tiber & Ft. Peck Reservoirs.
 (8) Observed flow plus change in storage in Ft. Peck, Canyon Ferry, Tiber, Buffalo Bill and Boysen Reservoirs.
 (+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey.
 (#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
0585	Canyon Ferry	2043.0	1847.0	1687.0	1332.0
0645	Lake Helena	10.4	4.5	9.4	8.3
0660	Holter Lake	81.9	16.0	45.2	59.2
0650	Hauser Lake & Lake Helena	61.9	43.6	59.0	54.1
1315	Fort Peck	19410.0	10010.0	8848.0	11178.0

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF

MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED VII

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	
12C5	Chessman Reservoir	6200	2/29	18	4.1	5.6	4.3	15
10C2	Grasshopper	7000	3/1	20	4.1	5.0	4.3	15
10C1	Kings Hill	7950	2/27	43	10.6	14.4	11.5	15
12C1	Stemple Pass	6900	2/26	33	7.2	13.6	9.2	15
12C2	Ten Mile, Lower	6250	2/28	28	6.0	7.6	6.3	15
12C3	Ten Mile, Middle	6800	2/27	37	8.5	9.6	9.2	15
12C4	Ten Mile, Upper	8000	2/27	43	11.0	13.7	11.9	15

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

BEAVERHEAD, & JEFFERSON RIVER BASINS

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Below average snow-pack exists on the Beaverhead and Jefferson River drainages. Snow Surveys made near the first of March indicate the water content of the 1960 snow-pack is 77 percent of the 1943-57 average and 84 percent of March last year.

Above normal precipitation last fall and high streamflow during the fall and winter months indicate the spring and summer runoff will be higher than normally expected from a below average snow-pack. The Big Hole River is forecast to flow near average. The Beaverhead River is expected to flow almost twice the volume of last year. The Red Rock River at Monida is forecast to flow 70,400 acre feet during April through September. This flow is 82 percent average and 30 percent more than last year. Streamflow for the Boulder River is expected to be 10 percent above average during the spring and summer months. The Jefferson River at Sappington is expected to flow an average volume from April through September.

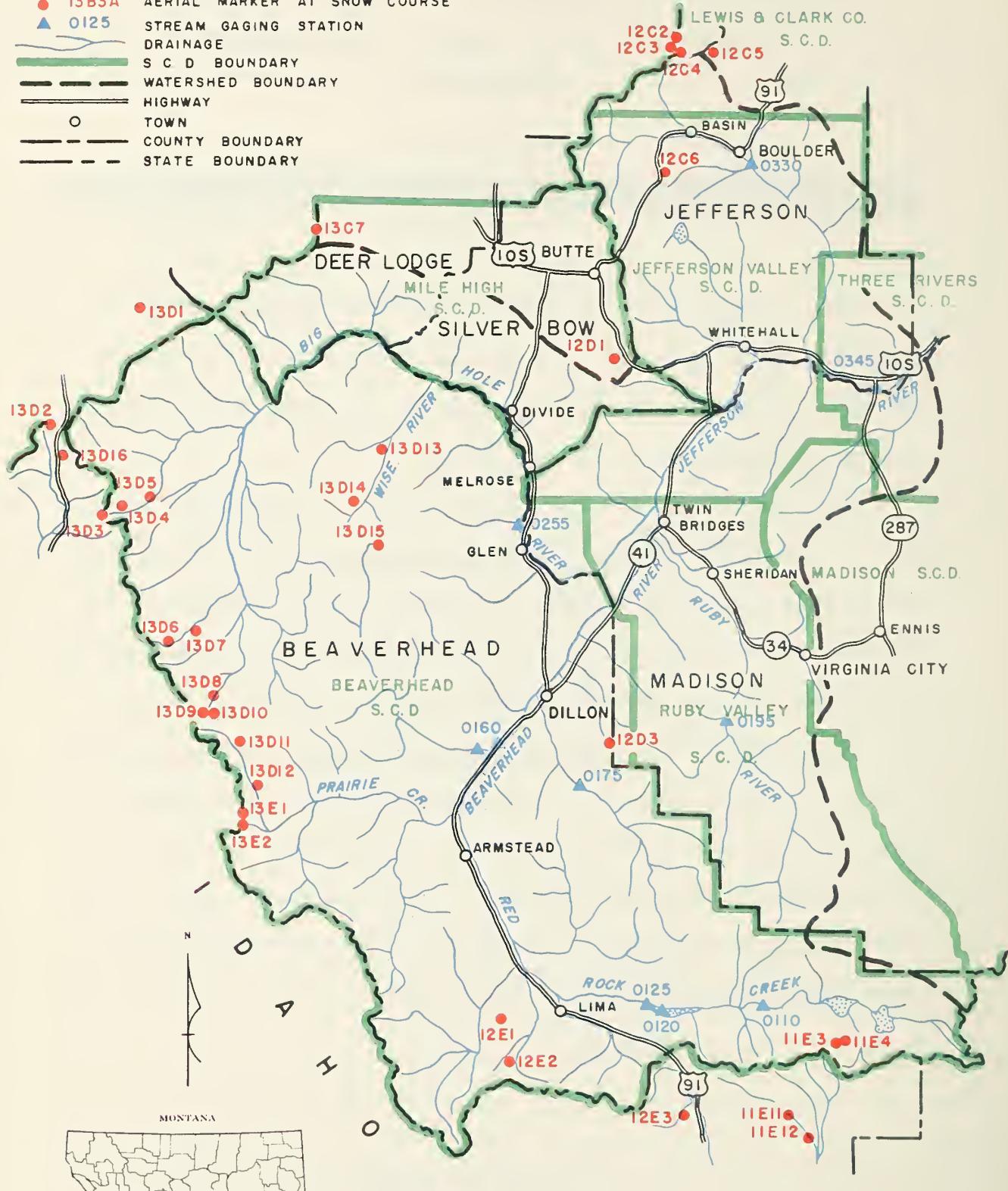
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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED VIII

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	% NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	+
0110	RED ROCK RIVER Kennedy Ranch (at)	May-Sept May-July	38.0 33.2	69 68	34.1 28.8	54.9 49.1
0125	Monida (near) (1)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	70.4 66.4	82 81	53.6 49.1	86.4 82.2
0160	BEAVERHEAD RIVER Barratts (at) (1)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	163 126	94 81	90 68	173 155
0255	BIG HOLE RIVER Melrose (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	752 703	98 98	644 592	770 714
0330	BOULDER RIVER Boulder (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	89.0 85.0	111 112	67.5 64.8	79.9 76.5
0345	JEFFERSON RIVER Sappington (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	1053 9457	98 99	835 750	1074 958
(1) Observed flow plus change in storage in Lima Reservoir. (+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey.						

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF

MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED VIII

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
13D14	Anderson Meadow	7000	2/24	20	3.9	6.5	7.4	10
13D4	Below Big Hole Pass	6900	2/25	37	8.9	13.0	13.0	10
13D3	Big Hole Pass	7240	2/25	38	8.7	15.4	15.1	10
13D10	Bloody Dick	7600	2/26	33	7.5	9.3	10.3	10
12E3	Camp Creek	6800	2/29	26	7.0	8.1	9.2	15
12C5	Chessman Reservoir	6200	2/29	18	4.1	5.6	4.3	15
13D5	East Boundary	6700	2/25	22	4.7	7.4	7.1	10
13D15	Elk Horn	8450	3/1	28	5.7	8.8	9.1	15
12D3	Flashlight	6950	3/3	26	5.5	-	3.9	13
13D2	Gibbons Pass	7100	2/29	50	14.9	19.7	22.2	15
13D9	Gold Stone	8100	2/26	38	9.0	13.0	13.1	10
13D8	Jahnke Creek	7340	2/26	31	7.1	8.9	9.7	10
11E12	Kilgore	6200	2/29	28	7.4	8.6	9.4	15
11E4	Lakeview Canyon	6930	3/1	31	7.3	8.6	10.2	10
11E3	Lakeview Ridge	7400	3/1	28	6.6	7.8	8.5	10
13E1	Lemhi Pass	7450	2/29	30	6.6	7.8	7.4	10
12E2	Limekiln	6950	3/2	11	1.8	0	1.2	10
13D6	Miner Forks	7300	2/27	34	8.4	10.0	10.7	10
13D7	Miner Lake	6720	2/27	30	5.7	7.0	7.0	13
13D16	Moose Creek	6200	2/26	44	10.8	14.4	16.1	15
12C6	Picnic Grounds	6500	3/1	15	2.5	3.6	4.7	11
12D1	Pipestone Pass	7200	3/4	24	5.5	5.0	4.4	15
13D11	Selway Junction	6800	3/1	25	5.4	5.3	7.2	10
13C7	Storm Lake	7780	2/23	37	9.2	12.4	11.2	5
12C2	Tenmile, Lower	6250	2/28	28	6.0	7.6	6.3	15
12C3	Tenmile, Middle	6800	2/27	37	8.5	9.6	9.2	15
12C4	Tenmile, Upper	8000	2/27	43	11.0	13.7	11.9	15
13D12	Terrell Creek	6650	3/1	14	2.6	3.4	4.3	10
13E2	Trail Creek	7090	2/29	30	6.6	6.9	6.7	10
12E1	White Pine Ridge	8850	3/2	20	4.0	3.0	4.4	10
13D13	Wise River	6300	2/24	15	3.6	6.0	4.9	10

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

MADISON, & GALLATIN RIVER BASINS

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Below average snow-pack exists throughout the headwaters of the Madison and Gallatin River drainages. The most acute shortage is in the Madison drainage where snow surveys made about the first of March indicate the water stored in the snow is about one-half average. Above average snow-pack exists in the headwaters of Hyalite Creek where the water content at Devil's Slide snow course is 116 percent of the 1943-57 average and 95 percent of last year.

The Madison River near West Yellowstone is forecast to flow 77 percent of the 1943-57 average and 85 percent of last year. Near average flows are forecast for the West Gallatin River and Hyalite Creek. The East Gallatin River is forecast to flow about 20 percent less than last year.

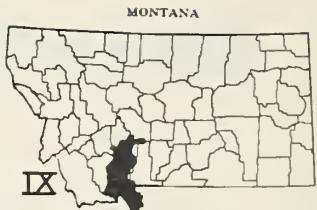
Soil moisture units installed on the Montana State College campus in 1956 indicate about 2 inches more available soil moisture than was recorded at this time last year, and 5 inches more than in 1958.

Storage in Middle Creek Reservoir is 117 percent average, the same as last year. Hebgen Lake has been lowered for inspection and repair of earthquake damage to Hebgen Dam.

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED IX

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(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
0375	MADISON RIVER West Yellowstone (nr)	Apr-Sept	167	77	192	216
		Apr-July	123	75	137	165
0385	Grayling (nr) (2)	Apr-Sept	346	77	366	448
		Apr-July	266	74	271	357
0410	McAllister (nr) (3)	Apr-Sept	607	80	679	756
		Apr-July	479	78	526	613
WEST GALLATIN RIVER						
0435	Gateway (nr)	Apr-Sept	440	96	506	459
		Apr-July	379	96	418	395
0500	Hyalite Cr. R.S.(at)(4)	Apr-Sept	33.9	94	31.8#	36.1
		Apr-July	28.7	92	27.4#	31.0
EAST GALLATIN RIVER						
0480	Bozeman (at)	Apr-Sept	40.4	88	50.6	46.4
		Apr-July	36.1	88	44.3	40.7
GALLATIN RIVER						
0525	Logan (at)	Apr-Sept	467	95	359#	492
		Apr-July	400	95	295#	422

(2) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hebgen Lake.
(3) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hebgen and Innis Lakes.
(4) Observed flow plus change in storage in Hyalite Reservoir.
(+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey
(#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
0380	Hebgen Lake	345.0	25.8	168.2	213.9
0405	Ennis Lake	41.0	37.7	38.9	35.9
0500	Middle Creek	8.0	4.2	4.2	3.6

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF

MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED IX

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		YEARS OF RECORD
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
11E9	Big Springs	6500	2/28	38	10.0	16.3	20.2	15
10D4	Devil's Slide	8100	2/28	65	19.0	19.9	16.3	15
11E5	Hebgen	6550	2/24	34	7.9	10.5	11.2	15
10D3	Hood Meadow	6600	2/27	32	7.1	8.2	7.2	15
11E10	Island Park	6315	2/28	36	7.9	13.1	15.8	15
10D1	New World	6700	3/1	35	8.8	10.6	8.7	14
10E2	Norris Basin	7500	3/1	30	4.0	9.1	9.4	10
11E6	Twenty-One Mile	7150	2/24	37	8.8	14.3	16.0	15
11E8	Valley View	6500	2/28	30	6.9	11.6	13.8	12
11E7	West Yellowstone	6700	2/24	23	5.2	8.2	11.3	15

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

JUDITH, & MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Near average snow-pack covers the Judith and Musselshell River drainages. Snow Surveys made near the first of March indicate the water content of the 1960 snow-pack is 78 percent of last year and 96 percent of the 1943-57 average.

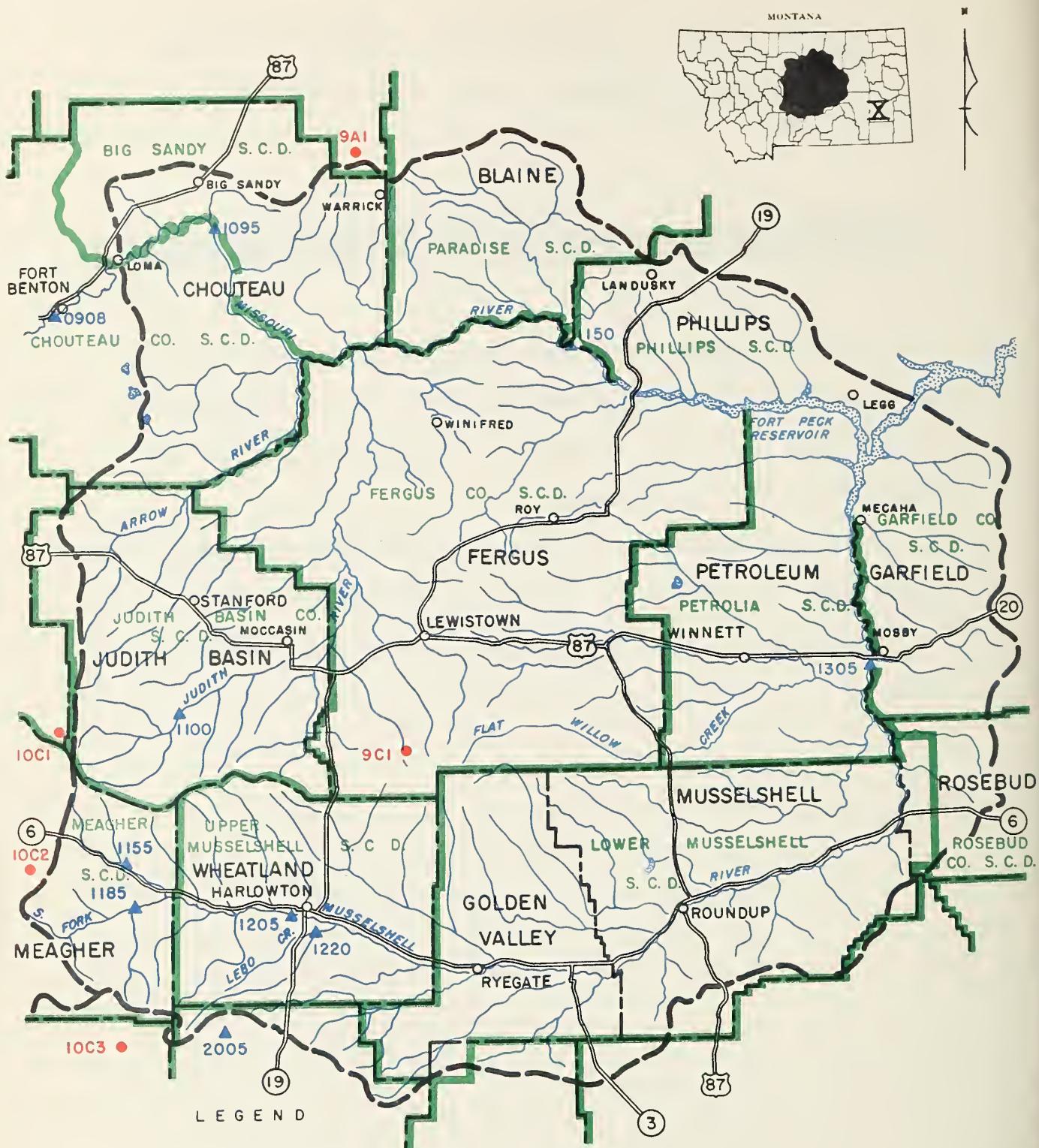
Streamflow is forecast to be near average during the spring and summer months on both the Judith and Musselshell River drainages.

Reservoir storage is below average and also less than last year.

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● 13 E2 SNOW SURVEY COURSE
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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED X

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	%	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
1185	MUSSELSHELL RIVER South Fork Martinsdale (above)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	56.4 54.0	105 105	25.6# 24.2#	53.6 51.4
1205	Harlowton (at) (9)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	87 86	105 105	34.5# 33.9#	83.0 82.0
1095	MISSOURI RIVER Virgelle (at) (6)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	4002 3492	91 92	3599# 3120#	4393 3803
1150	Zortman (near) (6)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	4384 3809	91 92	3896# 3349#	4806 4143
(+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey. (#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.						

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
1190	Martinsdale	23.1	6.3	7.0	9.8
1165	Durand	7.0	4.6	5.0	4.9
1105	Ackley	5.8	4.1	-	4.2

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED X

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)		YEARS OF RECORD
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	
9C1	Crystal Lake	6100	2/18	48	11.4	15.2	9.9	15
10C2	Grasshopper	7000	3/1	20	4.1	5.0	4.3	15
10C1	Kings Hill	7950	2/27	43	10.6	14.4	11.5	15
10C3	Porcupine	6500	2/29	23	4.8	5.3	5.7	15
9A1	Rocky Boy	5200	3/1	16	3.8	4.7	4.8	15

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN

MONTANA

AS OF:

MARCH 1, 1960

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The March first 1960 snow-pack over the Upper Yellowstone Basin is 66 percent of last year, or 65 percent average. Within Yellowstone Park many of the snow survey courses measured are close to 50 percent average. At Norris Basin the March first snow depth is 30 inches with 4 inches of water content, or 42 percent average, the lowest in 20 years of record.

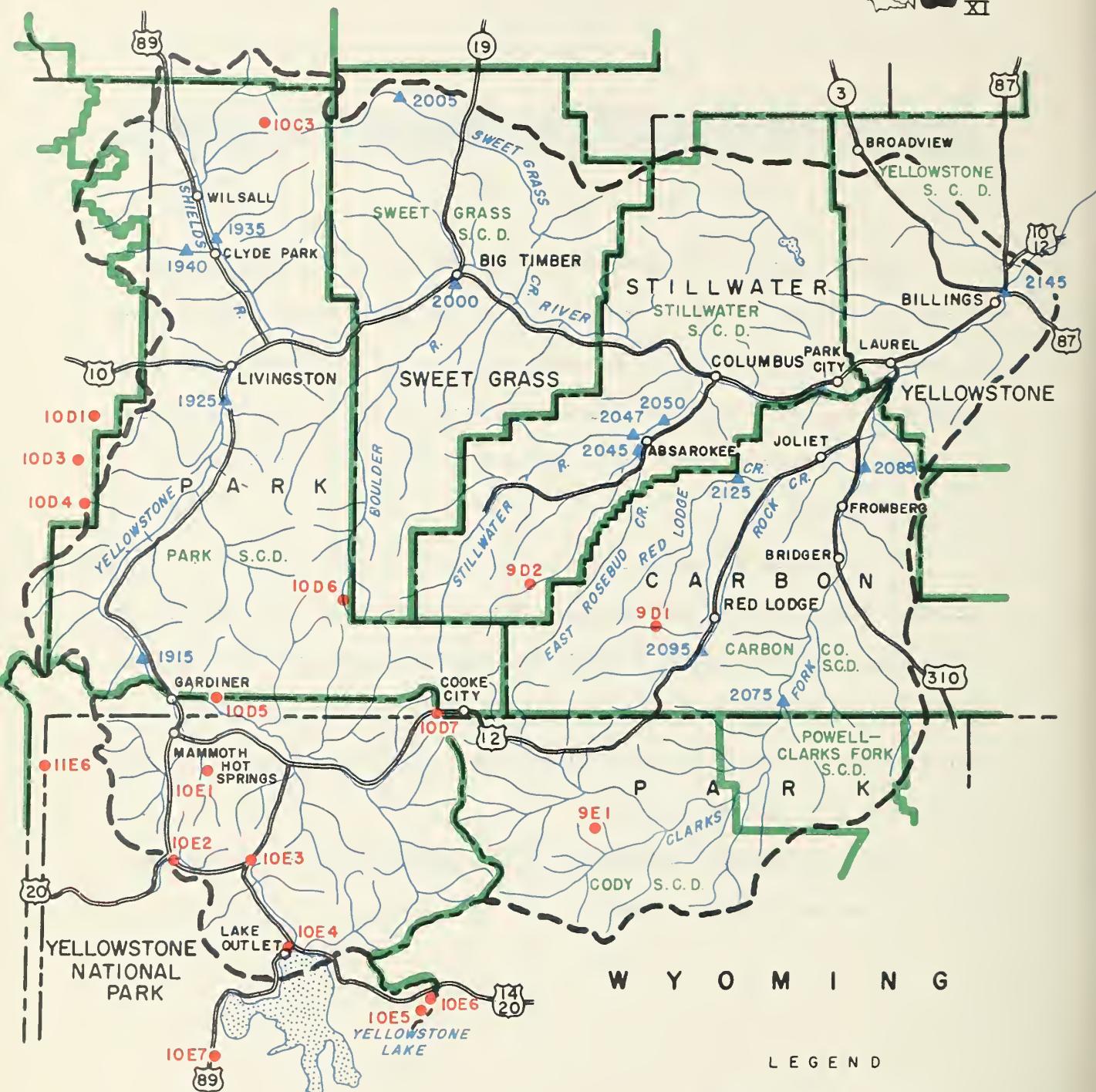
Above average precipitation during the fall and early winter months, together with an above average base flow of the rivers, has brought the streamflow forecast of the Clark Fork River at Chance up to 80 percent of average during the April-July period. The Yellowstone River at Corwin Springs should produce 1,172,000 acre feet of water or 71 percent of average for this same period.

Small uncontrolled tributary streams in this area should follow this below-average flow pattern.

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WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

AS OF MARCH 1, 1960 - WATERSHED XI

(1000 Acre Feet)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST PERIOD	FORECAST THIS YEAR	% NORMAL	MEASURED	
NO.	NAME				LAST YEAR	NORMAL
1915	YELLOWSTONE RIVER Corwin Springs (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	1443 1172	73 71	1785 1499	1980 1649
1925	Livingston (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	1646 1322	73 71	1630# 1368#	2252 1863
2145	Billings (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	3266 2769	77 76	4094 3608	4261 3657
3090	Miles City (at) (13)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	5038 4421	75 75	5238 4731	6707 5884
3295	Sidney (near) (13)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	5083 4501	73 73	4760# 4393#	6921 6137
1935	SHIELDS RIVER Clyde Park (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	158 143	142 139	50.0# 46.6#	111 103
2045	ROSEBUD CREEK Absarokee (near) (12)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	296 237	111 110	252# 202#	267 216
2050	STILLWATER RIVER Absarokee (near) (12)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	645 541	104 103	530# 445#	620 523
2075	CLARKS FORK RIVER Chance (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	490 442	79 80	648 601	617 552
2085	Edgar (at)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	524 466	80 81	652 589	652 575
2095	ROCK CREEK Red Lodge (near)	Apr-Sept Apr-July	108 82.9	96 96	97.5# 75.4#	112 86.3
(12) Observed flow plus change in storage in Mystic Lake. (13) Observed flow plus change in storage in Buffalo Bill & Boysen Reservoir. (+) Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey. (#) 1958 data; 1959 data not available.						

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1960

(1000 Acre Feet)

NO.	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	NORMAL
2040	Mystic Lake	20.8	6.1	8.5	8.6

NOTE: ALL NORMALS BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD)

SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF

MARCH 1, 1960

WATERSHED XI

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD			
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	YEARS OF RECORD
				(Inches)	(Inches)				
9D1	Camp Senia	7890	2/16	18	3.6	5.9	6.0	7	
10E3	Canyon	7500	3/1	35	7.4	12.7	13.4	13	
10D7	Cooke City	7400	2/29	22	4.2	7.5	7.8	15	
1QD5	Crevice Mountain	8400	2/29	23	4.4	7.5	8.2	15	
10D4	Devil's Slide	8100	2/28	65	19.0	19.9	16.3	15	
10E6	East Entrance	7000	3/1	24	5.3	11.4	11.6	9	
10D3	Hood Meadow	6600	2/27	32	7.1	8.2	7.2	15	
10D6	Independence	8000	2/17	40	9.0	-	15.5	7	
10E4	Lake Camp #1	7850	3/2	27	4.8	8.1	9.5	13	
9E1	Lodgepole	8200	2/29	25	5.0	9.9	-	-	
10E1	Lupine Creek	7300	2/29	27	5.6	9.5	10.0	14	
10D1	New World	6700	3/1	35	8.8	10.6	8.7	14	
10E2	Norris Basin	7500	3/1	30	4.0	9.1	9.4	10	
10C3	Porcupine	6500	2/29	23	4.8	5.3	5.7	15	
10E5	Sylvan Pass	7100	3/1	32	7.6	14.1	13.2	14	
10E7	Thumb Divide	7900	3/1	39	10.3	16.7	21.2	15	

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1943-1957 (15 YEAR PERIOD). "YEARS OF RECORD" INDICATED NUMBER OF YEARS USED IN 1943-1957 PERIOD.

STATUS OF RESERVOIR STORAGE

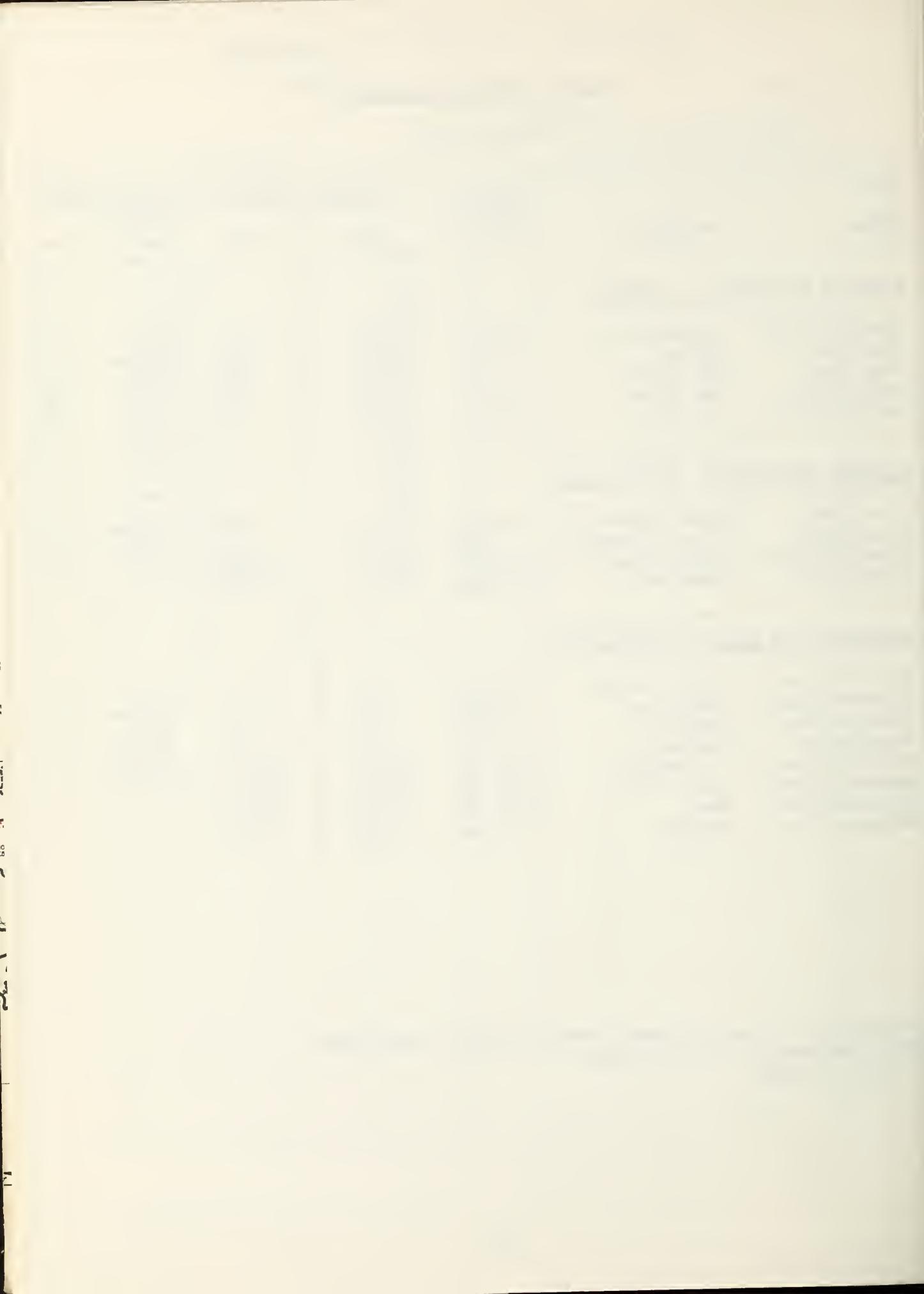
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BASIN & STREAM	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY 1000 A.F.	USABLE STORAGE - 1000 ACRE FEET			
			1960	1959	1943-57 Average	Yrs.
<u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN - WYOMING</u>						
Shoshone River	Buffalo Bill	440.0	122.5	0.0	235.4	15
Wind River	Boysen	560.0AC	140.5	78.2	448.6**	5
Wind River	Pilot Butte	31.6	15.9	9.7	13.3	15
Bull Creek	Bull Lake	152.0	37.8	49.0	63.2	15
Belle Fourche	Key Hole	190.0AC	0.0	0.0	10.9**	5
<u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN - NORTH DAKOTA</u>						
Heart River	Lake Tschida	68.7AC	43.5	42.3	53.1**	7
Heart River	E. A. Patterson	5.6AC	4.0	3.7	3.8**	6
Missouri River	Garrison Lake	18100.0AC	3563.2	2478.0	-	-
James River	Jamestown	220.0AC	8.1	12.5	-	-
<u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN - SOUTH DAKOTA</u>						
Belle Fourche	Belle Fourche	185.2AC	34.3	39.3	106.8	15
Cheyenne River	Angostura	90.0AC	19.2	44.1	41.4**	6
Cheyenne River	Deerfield	15.1AC	1.2	8.9	12.9**	10
Grand River	Shadehill	84.0AC	69.7	71.2	76.4**	5
Missouri River	Ft. Randall	3800.0AC	3857.0	2314.5	1376.3**	3
Missouri River	Gavins Point	320.0AC	468.0	289.0	-	-
Missouri River	Oahe	17000.0AC	994.0T	696.0T	-	-
Cheyenne River	Pactola	55.0AC	24.1	18.7	-	-

** Average for years of record shown in 1943-57 base period.

AC Active Capacity; USBR Billings.

T Total Storage.



WYOMING SNOW SURVEYS ABOUT MARCH 1, 1960

No.	Snow Course Name	Elev.	Current Information			Past Record		Years Record Used In Average
			Date of Survey	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Last Year	15-Year Average 1943-57	
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - WIND RIVER</u>								
9F12	Big Warm	8800	2/27	26	5.0	8.1	7.2**	5
9F4	Burroughs Creek	8800	2/29	28	6.0	13.3	13.4**	11
9F10	Dinwoodie	10000	3/1	34	8.0	9.7	10.8**	11
9F9	Dry Creek	9500	3/1	20	3.7	5.7	4.5**	11
9F6	DuNoir	8750	2/27	21	4.1	6.7	7.8	19
9F7	Geyser Creek	8500	2/28	20	4.0	6.0	7.0**	11
9F8	Little Warm	9500	2/28	43	10.7	14.1	14.7**	11
9F14	Sheridan R.S. #2	7500	2/29	20	3.7	5.8	6.1**	5
9F3	T-Cross Ranch	8000	2/29	17	3.1	6.0	6.8	19
#10F9	Togwotee Pass	9600	3/2	64	19.1	26.8	26.4**	10
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - POPO AGIE RIVER</u>								
8G2	Blue Ridge	9500	2/23	32	5.3	5.8	11.2*	20
8G5	Bruce's Camp	6500	2/23	23	2.9	3.2	-	2
9G3	Hobbs Park	10000	3/4	42	11.3	11.3	15.8**	11
9G4	Mosquito Park R.S.	9500	3/4	26	5.8	4.8	7.1*	16
8G1	Sawmill Glade	8500	2/23	33	4.7	5.1	6.9	20
#8G3	South Pass	9000	2/23	36	7.1	8.4	13.2	20
9F11	St. Lawrence R.S.	9000	3/3	19	3.8	4.6	6.1*	16
9G2	Trout Creek	8400	3/4	25	5.6	4.4	5.1**	11
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - OWL CREEK</u>								
+#9F19	Kirwin	11000	2/28	51	13.5E			
8F1	Owl Creek	8700	2/23	32	6.9	5.0	4.6**	11
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - GREYBULL RIVER</u>								
+#9F19	Kirwin	11000	2/28	51	13.5E			
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - SHOSHONE RIVER</u>								
9E4	Carter Mountain	7800	2/24	21	4.2	3.4	-	3
#10E6	East Entrance	7000	3/1	24	5.3	11.4	11.0**e	11
+9E5	Ishawooa	9200	2/28	125				
#10E5	Sylvan Pass	7100	3/1	32	7.6	14.1	13.1*	16
+9F18	Younts Peak	8500	2/28	80	26.0E			

* Average is for 15 years of data within and adjacent to the 1943-57 period.

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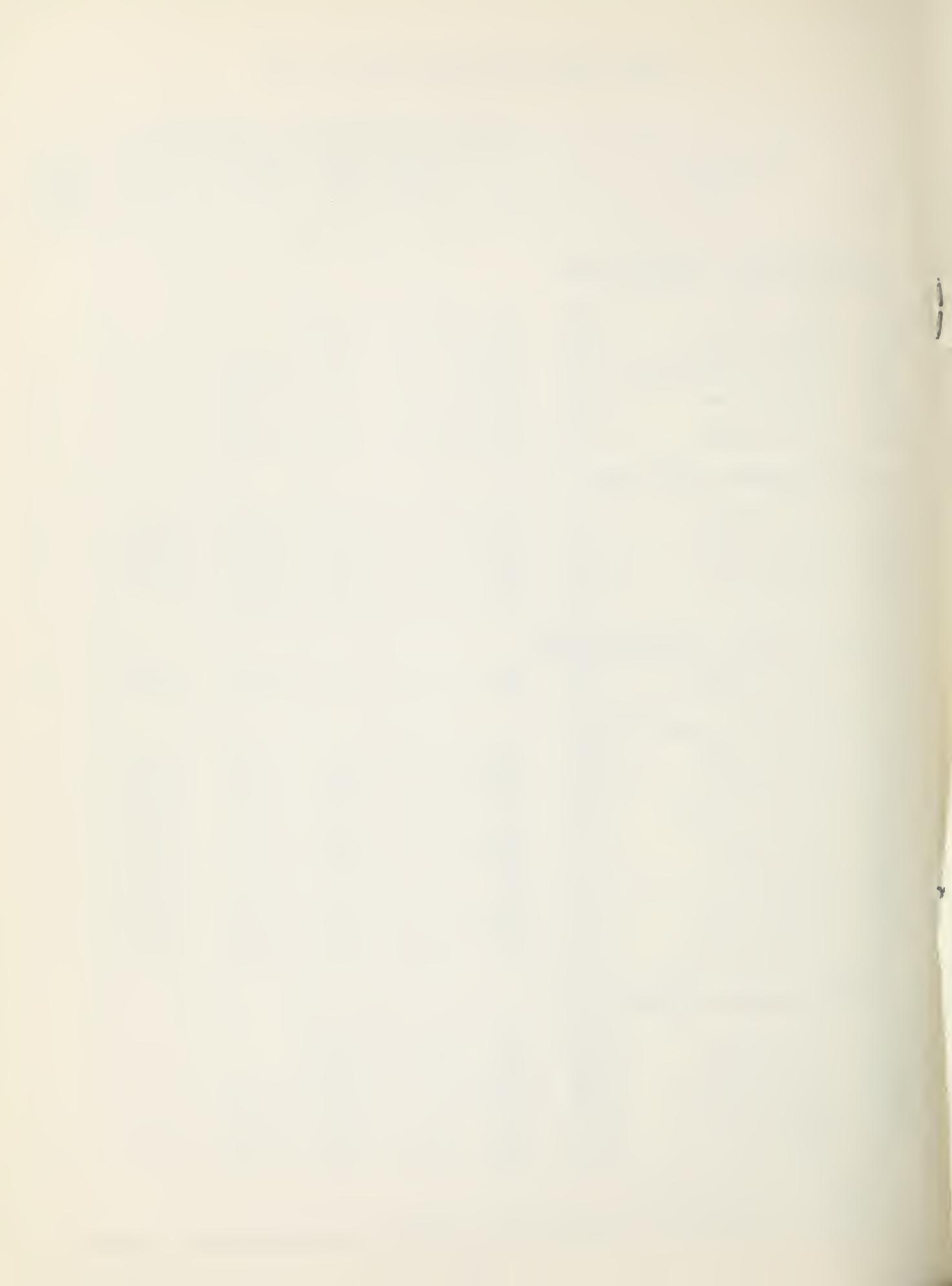
WYOMING SNOW SURVEYS ABOUT MARCH 1, 1960

No.	Snow Course Name	Elev.	Current Information			Past Record			Years Used In Average
			Date of Survey	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Content (In.)	15-Year Average	1943-57	
			Last Year	1943-57					
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - NOWOOD CREEK</u>									
#7F1	Bear Trap	8000	3/2	24	4.1				
#7F2	Canyon Creek	7400	3/3	39	8.8				
7E25	Cold Springs Camp	8700	2/25	24	4.9	8.8	-		3
7E24	Medicine Lodge Lakes	9500	2/25	37	8.0	10.9	-		3
#7E8	Munkres Pass	9400	2/29	32	6.8	7.2	7.4**		4
#7E27	Onion Gulch	8100	3/2	29	5.2	9.5	-		3
7E26	West Tensleep	9075	2/28	40	9.5E	11.2	-		3
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - SHELL CREEK</u>									
#7E21	Bald Mountain	9600	2/29	62	17.6	10.8	15.8**		4
#7E20	Beaver Tongue	9200	2/29	58	16.2	19.8	15.0**		4
+#7E18	Bone Spring	9200	2/28	49	13.0E	16.4	13.0**		4
#7E17	Granite Pass	8950	3/2	48	13.2	15.3	13.0**		4
+7E23	Shell Creek	9600	2/28	45	12.5E	13.1	-		3
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - PORCUPINE CREEK</u>									
7E31	Five Springs Falls	7500	3/1	25	5.4	10.8	5.8**		4
#7E30	Medicine Wheel	9000	2/29	51	15.2	19.0	13.1**		4
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - TONGUE RIVER</u>									
#7E20	Beaver Tongue	9200	2/29	58	16.2	19.8	15.0**		4
7E32	Big Goose #2	7700	2/25	30	6.6	7.2	5.9**		4
+#7E18	Bone Spring	9200	2/28	49	13.0E	16.4	13.0**		4
7E33	Burgess R.S. #2	7900	3/1	31	7.6	8.7	6.0**		4
+7E34	Dome Lake #2	8800	2/28	35	7.5E	8.6	7.7**e		4
+7E14	Gloom Creek	9300	2/28	48	13.0E	13.1	10.0**		4
#7E17	Granite Pass	8950	3/2	48	13.2	15.3	13.0**		4
7E11	Sibley Lake	8000	3/2	39	9.2	11.7	8.0**		4
+7E12	Sucker Creek	9000	2/28	45	12.5E	12.8	9.3**		4
7E10	Steamboat Point	7500	3/2	31	7.6	9.0	5.7**		4
7E13	Wood Rock G.S.	8500	3/2	38	9.3	10.1	8.3**		4
<u>LOWER YELLOWSTONE - POWDER RIVER</u>									
#7F1	Bear Trap	8000	3/2	24	4.1				
#7F2	Canyon Creek	7400	3/3	39	8.1				
+7E36	Cloud's Peak	10000	2/28	34	7.5E				
#7E28	Muddy Creek G.S.	7800	2/29	15	3.4	5.0	-		3
#7E8	Munkres Pass	9700	2/29	32	6.8	7.2	7.4**		4
#7E27	Onion Gulch	8100	3/2	29	5.2	9.5	-		3
7E5	Soldier Park	8700	2/26	20	4.3	5.5	4.0**		8
7E6	Sour Dough	8500	2/26	22	4.1	6.3	-		3

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